



mother died a few years ago of cancer. She told me that she was sexually raped by the police when taken prisoner and was abused. She was insulted as a Jewess during the process. The only questions that she was ever asked, dealt with her brother. She stated that there was no subversive propaganda in the house; no weapons whatsoever and that to this day she had no idea why she is in prison. She has been denied her right of option to go to Israel in the past and is very anxiously awaiting for the month of June when the next right of option will receive a reply. She stated that she still has not received a book which I sent to her last December with her grandmother, entitled " The Essence of Judaism", by Leo Baeck. She also stated that none of the bibles that were sent to the Jewish prisoners by another rabbi, were ever received. She asked me if there is any truth to the rumours that there will be allowed more recreation or some opportunity to work. She stated that she must be by herself 19 hours a day. She has no right to listen to the radio, read newspapers or do any manual labour. She is desperately hoping to be allowed to go to Israel.

Case number 2: This deals with a woman of 30 years of age who has been a prisoner since November 1975. She stated that she has 3 children who are living with her husband from whom she was separated before her arrest. She had rented two rooms of her home to help her balance her budget. The police claimed that those 2 rooms had been rented by terrorists. She claims that she knew nothing of the people and that furthermore she saw nothing suspicious. She declared this before judge Adamo in La Plata in Juzgado (Court) number 3, in the middle of 1978. She has received absolutely no information of her case. Before she arrived at the Devoto prison, she was raped by three different policemen; she was tortured brutally, has 3 ribs broken and was given electric shock. She was also told that she was receiving all this in a double measure, as a terrorist and as a Jew. She has applied for her right of option to go to Israel, on the 19th of April, and is desperately anxious to receive an affirmative reply. She has been told that she is on the 4th floor, because this is the floor of prisoners who are difficult and who present problems of conduct. She claims that she simply does not understand this at all and that she has never presented

a problem during her imprisonment. She stated that she was never involved in terrorist affairs and that as a result of her torture and imprisonment, she was operated last year for intestinal disorders. She stated that the Red Cross on the same day, Tuesday, April 8, 1979 told her that she must have a very restrictive diet. She said that she informed the Red Cross that it is impossible to receive her diet and that consequently she is always ill. The Red Cross said that she should speak to the prison doctor. She explained to him that she had done this rapidly, but that nothing has changed. She begged me to inquire if there is any truth behind the rumours that prisoners on the 4th floor have no chance of being released. She also begged me to inquire into the state of her cause in Court number 3 in La Plata, under judge Adamo. She also begged me to intercede before the Israeli Embassy, so that someone from the Embassy visit her and help her to emigrate with her three children to Israel. With regard to the apparently new privileges in the prison, she was told by the Red Cross not to expect any changes.

I left the Devoto prison at 17:30.